

**Town of North Hampton
New Hampshire**

Ordinance 1-66

Dog Ordinance

The following Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling provisions of RSA 466 for the purpose of regulating the licensing and restraining of dogs owned or kept within the Town of North Hampton.

Registration and Licensing

No dog three months old or older shall be allowed to be or remain within the Town unless registered and licensed as follows:

1. All dogs owned or kept in the Town shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of owner, and name of dog.
2. At the time of registration the owner shall obtain a license and tag for each dog and pay the statutory fee therefor.
3. It shall be the duty of the owner to cause the license tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times during the licensing period.
4. Registration and licensing of a dog previously registered and licensed shall be completed annually on or before the 13th of April. The license period shall run from one year from the first day of the ensuing May.
5. Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after May 1, shall, if the dog is not duly licensed, cause it to be licensed until the first day of the Ensuing May.
6. A license duly recorded may be transferred to the Town of North Hampton with the dog licensed.
7. The owner or keeper of 5 or more dogs or breeder of dogs shall obtain a special license pursuant to RSA 466:6.

Prohibition Against Running at Large, Confinement of Certain Dogs

1. No vicious, dangerous, or ferocious dog or dogs sick with, or liable to communicate hydrophobia or other contagious or infectious disease shall be permitted to run at large in the Town.
2. It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large after 11:00PM and prior to 6:00AM
3. It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large an any bathing beach between the hours of 10:00AM and 6:00PM from June 15th to September 15th of each year.
4. It shall be unlawful for any female dog in heat to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper whether on leash or not, during this period.
5. “At large” shall be construed to mean off the premises of the owner or the keeper and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

Disturbing the Peace

1. No person owning or keeping any dog within the Town of North Hampton shall suffer or permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by continuous barking, making other loud or unusual noises, running through or across cultivated gardens, lawns, or fields, or acting in any other manner which would disturb the peace and solitude of the neighborhood.

Nuisances

1. Any dog owned or kept within the Town which is not licensed, disturbs the peace, is not confined and is allowed to run at large, or otherwise is in violation of this Ordinance, is, in addition to any other sanction provided herein or in RSA chapter 466, hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be impounded as hereinafter provided.

Dog Officer, Impounding

1. The Selectmen may appoint at such times and for such terms as may, from time to time, seem expedient, a dog officer and such assistants as may be required whose duty it shall be to take dogs into custody, impound them, and thereafter destroy or dispose of them as provided in this Ordinance or in the Revised Statutes of the State of New Hampshire.
2. In the absence of the appointment of a dog officer the Police Department is hereby charged with the duty of impounding all dogs kept or owned in

violation of the provisions of this Ordinance. The Police Officers are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance and shall receive such fees therefor as they may be entitled to by the provisions of this Ordinance, statute, or Court award. The actions of the dog officer, his assistants, or the Police Department in carrying out this Ordinance and in taking dogs into custody, impounding them, and thereafter destroying or disposing of them shall be regulated by RSA Chapter 466.

3. The owner or keeper of any dogs impounded hereunder may redeem the same by paying all costs, charges, and penalties assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time of making the redemption, and when the same are paid the dog shall be released to the owner thereof.
4. It shall be the duty of the officers to cause notice to be served by mail upon the registered owner of any licensed dog impounded under the provisions of this Ordinance, such notice to be mailed within 72 hours of the time when said dog is impounded.

Dog Bites

1. Whenever any dog bites a person, the owner of said dog shall immediately notify the Chief of Police who shall order the dog held on the owners premises or shall have it impounded for a period of 2 weeks. The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the 2 week period by a qualified veterinarian. If at the end of the period of confinement the veterinarian is convinced that the dog is then free from rabies the dog shall be released from quarantine or from the pound as the case may be. If the dog dies in the meanwhile it's head shall be sent to the State Department of Health for examination for rabies.

Penalties

Any person violating any provision of this article, shall, in addition to any other penalty fixed by law, be fined an amount not exceeding \$10 Dollars for each offense.

Scope

This Ordinance is intended to supplement, and not to replace, any other statute, ordinance, or other law regulating the subject to which it is addressed.

Date: August 8, 1966

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Ordinance 1-69

Dog Regulations

An ordinance relative to the keeping of dogs is hereby ordained by the Selectmen of said Town of North Hampton as follows:

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of a dog to permit a dog so owned or kept to run at large without being controlled by a leash, except upon his own property or while hunting under the control of his owner or keeper.

The police shall impound all dogs on public property in violation of the above provision and upon written complaint of the owner of private property the police shall impound all dogs unlawfully on said private property.

The police, upon impounding any dog, shall immediately make a formal complaint against the owner or keeper of the dog in the District Court.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$10 Dollars for each offense.

Date: March 24, 1969